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BOOK REVIEWS.

A SELECTION OF CASES ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND THE LAW OF PERSONS. By Edwin H. Woodruff. Second Edition, Enlarged. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Company. 1905. pp. xviii, 624.

This edition of Professor Woodruff's book follows the same plan as the first, which was published in 1897. Two cases have been omitted from those of the earlier edition and twenty-two have been added, most of the latter having been decided since the publication of the first edition. The classification of the cases is unchanged, but the additions have resulted in the introduction of a few new headings.

Some notes have been added, but, like those of the first edition, they are very brief, and do not contain citations of authorities showing the various modifications of the general principle illustrated by the selected case. The book is not designed as a manual for the practitioner, and finds its proper place in the class-room.

To the class-room it is admirably adapted, the reviewer speaking from the experience of a teacher with the first edition. The classification is clear and helpful without unduly relieving the student from the independent thought and analysis which it is the purpose of the case system to foster. The cases are well chosen, in almost every instance illustrating the application of legal principles and not merely presenting a judicial essay on them with a collection of authorities. The cases which have been added in the second edition have been judiciously selected and add to the merit and usefulness of the book.

It is under the head of jurisdiction in divorce that the principal additions have been made. A thorough understanding of the limitations upon the extra-territorial effect of decrees of divorce entered by the courts of the several States is, of course, of prime importance, and in view of modern conditions this branch of the law deserves special attention. It is to be regretted that the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Haddock v. Haddock* was handed down too late to be included in this volume. Though uniformity of divorce legislation throughout the States may be unattainable, an exact definition of the extent of the jurisdiction of the Courts of the several States over parties and subject matter is much to be desired, and this latest decision of the Federal Supreme Court in this branch of the law is worthy of special study.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS. By Joseph R. Long. St. Paul: Keefe-Davidson Company. 1905. pp. xiv, 378.

This book is well named. It is strictly a work on domestic relations as distinguished from a work on persons. The appropriateness of its title rests upon the fact that more than three-fourths of the book is taken up with the law of husband and wife, and the whole subject of infants' disabilities is squeezed into about ten pages. The infant's capacity to